

## Overview of the Spring 2018 South Carolina Alternate Assessments

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Assessment	SC-Alt Social Studies	SC-NCSC ELA and Math (includes Field Test items in ELA and Math Grades 3-8)	SC-Alt Online Assessment	
			Operational Field Test	Independent Field Test
<b>Description</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SC-Alt Social Studies (paper) has been administered in South Carolina since the Spring 2009 administration.</li> <li>The SC-Alt Social Studies will be administered as the operational Social Studies assessment for Grades 5 and 7 through the Spring 2019 administration</li> <li>Additional details can be found in the Spring 2018 TAM</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SC-NCSC ELA and Math have been administered in South Carolina since the Spring 2015 administration.</li> <li>The SC-NCSC will be administered as the operational ELA and Math assessments for grades 3 through 8 through the Spring 2018 administration.</li> <li>To reduce the number of assessments students need to take during the transition period to the SC-Alt Online Assessment, field test items for ELA and Math will be included in the SC-NCSC ELA and Math assessments.</li> <li>Additional details can be found in the Spring 2018 TAM</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>South Carolina is transitioning to the SC-Alt Online Assessment, which will be fully operational in Spring 2020.</li> <li>The SC-Alt Online Assessments in Science and High School (Biology I, English I, Algebra I, and US History) will be delivered as an operational field test (OFT) for the Spring 2018 administration. Students will receive scores in the Online Reporting System (ORS) and through family score reports in July 2018.</li> <li>The SC-Alt Online Assessment in Social Studies (Grades 5 and 7) will be delivered as an independent field test (IFT) to obtain psychometric information about the items.</li> <li>Additional details can be found in the Spring 2018 TAM</li> </ul>	
<b>Delivery Method</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Administered on Paper</li> <li>TAs enter student responses through the Data Entry Interface (DEI)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Administered completely online with the Student Interface via the Secure Browser.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Administered completely online with the Student Interface via the Secure Browser.</li> </ul>	
<b>Item- or Task-Based</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Task-Based</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Item-Based</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Item-Based</li> </ul>	

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	Age as of 9/1/17 and Associated Grade	Subject	Age as of 9/1/17 and Associated Grade	Subject	Age as of 9/1/17 and Associated Grade	Subject	Age as of 9/1/17 and Associated Grade	Subject	
Student Eligibility and Subjects Tested	Age 8 (Grade 3)		Age 8 (Grade 3)	SC-NCSC ELA & Math*	Age 8 (Grade 3)		Age 8 (Grade 3)		
	Age 9 (Grade 4)		Age 9 (Grade 4)	SC-NCSC ELA & Math*	Age 9 (Grade 4)	Science	Age 9 (Grade 4)		
	Age 10 (Grade 5)	SC-Alt Social Studies	Age 10 (Grade 5)	SC-NCSC ELA & Math*	Age 10 (Grade 5)		Age 10 (Grade 5)	Social Studies	
	Age 11 (Grade 6)		Age 11 (Grade 6)	SC-NCSC ELA & Math*	Age 11 (Grade 6)	Science	Age 11 (Grade 6)		
	Age 12 (Grade 7)	SC-Alt Social Studies	Age 12 (Grade 7)	SC-NCSC ELA & Math*	Age 12 (Grade 7)		Age 12 (Grade 7)	Social Studies	
	Age 13 (Grade 8)		Age 13 (Grade 8)	SC-NCSC ELA & Math*	Age 13 (Grade 8)	Science	Age 13 (Grade 8)		
	Age 14 (Grade 9)		Age 14 (Grade 9)		Age 14 (Grade 9)		Age 14 (Grade 9)		
	Age 15 (Grade 10)		Age 15 (Grade 10)		Age 15 (Grade 10)		Age 15 (Grade 10)		
	Age 16 (Grade 11)		Age 16 (Grade 11)		Age 16 (Grade 11)	US History, English 1, Biology 1, & Algebra 1	Age 16 (Grade 11)		
			*The SC-NCSC assessments include the ELA and Math SC-Alt Online Assessment Field Test items						
Adaptive or Fixed Form	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adaptive</li> <li>Using the Student Placement Questionnaire (SPQ), found in the TAM, TAs will determine the student's starting task</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fixed Form</li> <li>If a student has no mode of communication, per their IEP, the DTC-Alt may submit a request to the SCDE. If the SCDE agrees, AIR will open the student's test, mark the first four items as "No Response", and close the test.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fixed Form</li> <li>All students must complete all items in the assessments</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fixed Form</li> <li>All students must complete all items in the assessments</li> </ul>		

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<b>Assessment Format</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Depending on the student's starting task, TAs must administer the following minimum of tasks:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Task 1: Tasks 1-6</li> <li>Task 3: Tasks 3-9</li> <li>Task 6: Tasks 6-12</li> </ul> </li> <li>TAs should refer to the Starting and Stopping Rules in the TAM to determine whether the student can continue the assessment past the minimum number of tasks.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Grade 3</u> Assessment Format: The SC-NCSC ELA/Math online assessment will be comprised of 2-3 sections, which all students are required to complete                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SC-NCSC ELA/Math test</li> <li>on-grade ELA/Math <u>SC-Alt Online Assessment</u> Field Test items</li> </ul> </li> <li><u>Grades 4-8</u> Assessment Format: The SC-NCSC ELA/Math online assessment is a single test comprised of 3-4 sections, which all students are required to complete                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SC-NCSC ELA/Math test</li> <li>on-grade ELA/Math <u>SC-Alt Online Assessment</u> Field Test items</li> <li>off-grade ELA/Math <u>SC-Alt Online Assessment</u> Field Test items</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Each assessment will be comprised of randomly generated items.</li> <li>All students must attempt to complete the assessment. If the student does not respond, the TA may click "Next" in the Student interface to go on to the next question.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grade 5 and 7 Social Studies: on-grade SC-Alt Online field test with randomly generated items</li> <li>All students must complete all items in the test.</li> </ul>
<b>Administration Rules and Materials (if applicable)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Each school will receive a variable number of SC-Alt Social Studies TA Kits. The number of TA Kits is dependent on student population. TA Kits are intended to be used with multiple students in the same grade at each school.</li> <li>Each TA Kit includes: a test booklet, printed manipulatives, physical manipulatives (if applicable), and reading passage booklets.</li> <li>TAs also collect additional physical manipulatives as indicated in the TAM.</li> <li>TAs use the script included in the test booklet to deliver the assessment.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students will enter their responses in the Student Interface. Test booklets will not be distributed.</li> <li>For <u>SC-NCSC</u>, if a student prefers to hear the question and answer options, the TA may read the question and answer options from the computer screen or the student may use Text-to-Speech (TTS).</li> <li>For the <u>SC-Alt Online Assessment</u> items, TTS is required. TAs do not use a manual or a script to administer the assessment.</li> <li>For <u>SC-NCSC</u>, TAs will be able to download the required DTA manuals through the Test Information Distribution Engine (TIDE).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students will enter their responses in the Student Interface.</li> <li>Unlike the SC-NCSC and SC-Alt Social Studies, TAs will not use a manual or a script to administer the assessment.</li> <li>All students must use TTS in order to hear the complete response options.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students will enter their responses in the Student Interface.</li> <li>Unlike the SC-NCSC and SC-Alt Social Studies, TAs will not use a manual or a script to administer the assessment.</li> <li>All students must use TTS in order to hear the complete response options.</li> </ul>

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<b>Students who do not show a method of communication</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TAs will use the SPQ to determine the appropriate starting task and follow the rules in the TAM to determine when to end the assessment.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If the TA and DTC-Alt agree that a student eligible for the alternate assessment does not have an observable mode of communication, the DTC-Alt should contact the SCDE.</li> <li>If the SCDE agrees with the DTC-Alt that the student does not have an observable mode of communication, AIR will open the student's test, enter "No Response" for the first four items and close the student's test.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Due to the fact that the SC-Alt Online Assessment is still a field test, all students must complete all items.</li> <li>All students must attempt to complete the assessment. If the student does not respond, the TA may click "Next" in the Student interface to go on to the next question.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Due to the fact that the SC-Alt Online Assessment is still a field test, all students must complete all items.</li> </ul>
<b>Braille and Tactile Graphic Materials</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DTCs-Alt may order Braille and tactile graphics for the SC-Alt Social Studies by contacting the South Carolina Alternate Assessment Helpdesk.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DTCs-Alt may submit a request for paper accommodations through TIDE.</li> <li>Using these paper materials, TAs may create Braille and tactile graphics for SC-NCSC assessments. AIR does not provide Braille and Tactile Graphics for the SC-NCSC assessments. The SCDE will contact DTCs-Alt who submit a request to confirm whether students require paper accommodations per their IEP.</li> <li>TAs will enter student responses in the DEI.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DTCs-Alt may order Braille and tactile graphics for the SC-Alt Online OFT assessments by contacting the South Carolina Alternate Assessment Helpdesk.</li> <li>Students who require Braille and tactile graphic materials will be marked in TIDE to ensure that the items that appear on the assessment are appropriate for students with vision impairments.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There are no Braille and tactile materials for the SC-Alt Online IFT assessments.</li> </ul>
<b>Paper Accommodations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The SC-Alt Social Studies is a paper-based test.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DTCs-Alt may submit a request for paper accommodations through TIDE. The SCDE will contact DTCs-Alt who submit a request to confirm whether students require paper accommodations per their IEP.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DTCs-Alt may submit a request for paper accommodations through TIDE. The SCDE will contact DTCs-Alt who submit a request to confirm whether students require paper accommodations per their IEP.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There are no paper accommodations for the SC-Alt Online IFT assessments.</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students eligible for paper accommodations will receive paper SC-NCSC ELA and Math test booklets.</li> <li>TAs will enter student responses in the DEI.</li> <li>Students who require paper accommodations will be marked in TIDE to note that scores will be entered in the DEI rather than the Student Interface.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students eligible for paper accommodations will receive paper response options to assist students in responding to the online items.</li> <li>Students who require paper accommodations will be marked in TIDE to ensure that the items that appear on the assessment are appropriate for students with vision impairments.</li> </ul>	
<b>Scoring</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TAs will input their students' responses in the DEI.</li> <li>TAs may use the Optional Scoring Worksheet to record student responses and then enter the student responses into the DEI after the test.</li> <li>All student responses <u>must</u> be entered into the DEI in order for a student to get a score.</li> </ul>	<p><i>Students Eligible for the Online Assessment</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students will enter their responses in the Student Interface via the Secure Browser.</li> <li>All students will receive a family score report in July 2018.</li> </ul> <p><i>Students Eligible for the Paper Accommodation</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TAs will input their students' responses in the DEI.</li> <li>TAs may use the Optional Scoring Worksheet to record student responses and then enter the student responses into the DEI after the test.</li> <li>All student responses <u>must</u> be entered into the DEI in order for a student to get a score.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Students will enter their responses in the Student Interface via the Secure Browser.</li> <li>For students using Braille and tactile graphics or paper response options, the student's TA may assist the student in entering the student's responses into the Student Interface.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Students will enter their responses in the Student Interface via the Secure Browser.</li> </ul>
<b>Student Results</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Preliminary student scores will be available in the Online</li> </ul>	<p><i>SC-NCSC (Delivered via the DEI and Student Interface)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Student scores will be available in the Online Reporting System</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Student scores will not be available for the spring 2018</li> </ul>

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	<p>Reporting System (ORS) immediately following scoring.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Once the TA, monitor, and principal (or designee) acknowledge the TA Security Affidavit in TIDE, the student's scores will become the final test scores.</li> <li>Scores will be included in the family score reports, delivered in July 2018.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Preliminary student scores will be available in the Online Reporting System (ORS) immediately following scoring.</li> <li>Once the TA, monitor, and principal (or designee) acknowledge the TA Security Affidavit in TIDE, the student's scores will become the final test scores.</li> <li>Scores will be included in the family score reports, delivered in July 2018.</li> </ul> <p><i>SC-Alt Online Assessment Field Test Items</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The IFT is not scored. Results will be used to evaluate the viability of items for future administrations.</li> </ul>	<p>(ORS) in July 2018, once AIR and SCDE determine cut scores for these assessments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scores will be included in the family score reports, delivered in July 2018.</li> </ul>	<p>field test. Results will be used to evaluate the viability of items for future administrations.</p>
<b>Test Administrator (TA) Security Affidavit</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>After scores are entered for the SC-Alt Social Studies, the student's TA and monitor have to log in to TIDE to verify that all test security regulations were followed.</li> <li>Principals will not need to validate the affidavit for this administration.</li> <li>All users will acknowledge the TA Security Affidavit by going into the TA Security Affidavit section in the Student Information Task in TIDE.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>After scores are entered for the SC-NCSC (via the DEI or the Student Interface), the student's TA and monitor have to log in to TIDE to verify that all test security regulations were followed.</li> <li>Principals will not need to validate the affidavit for this administration.</li> <li>All users will acknowledge the TA Security Affidavit by going into the TA Security Affidavit section in the Student Information Task in TIDE.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>After the student completes each SC-Alt Online Assessment OFT, the student's TA and monitor have to log in to TIDE to verify that all test security regulations were followed.</li> <li>Principals will not need to validate the affidavit for this administration.</li> <li>All users will acknowledge the TA Security Affidavit by going into the TA Security Affidavit section in the Student Information Task in TIDE.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Due to the nature of the IFT assessments, the student's TA and monitor to not have to validate the TA Security Affidavit in TIDE.</li> <li>However, all test security regulations should be followed during the IFT assessments.</li> </ul>